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SUBJECT: CANDIAN PARTICIPATION IN UN AD HOC COMMITTEE

TO REVIEW ROLE OF UN IN FIELD OF DISARMAMENT

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1. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH EXTAFD DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FOR ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT SLYFIELD, WHO SAID GOC

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PLANS PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS. HE NOTED

THAT CANADA HAD VOTED FOR SWEDISH RESOLUTION, DESPITE RESERVATIONS (NOT PUBLICLY STATED), PARTICULARLY THE REFERENCE TO THE LIMA DECLARATION. GOC REMAINS CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT SWEDES REALLY HOPE TO ACHIEVE THROUGH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REVIEW. AFTER DISCUSSION OF REFTEL SUBSTANCE, SLYFIELD EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GOC AND USG SEEMED TO HAVE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL VIEWS ON THE ISSUE. WHILE HE NOT YET CERTAIN WHAT GOC POSITION WILL ULTIMATELY BE, HE PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE NO DOCTRINAIRE OBJECTION TO COME MINOR TINKERING WITH EXISTING UNMACHINERY FOR HANDLING DISARMAMENT MATTERS, THOUGH HE WAS AT A LOSS TO KNOW WHAT PURPOSE EVEN SUCH TINKERING WOULD HAVE. HE FELT GOC WOULD OPPOSE ANY MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES. GOC ALSO FEELS MRS. THORSSON WOULD BE APPROPRIATE CHOICE FOR CHAIRMAN AND HAS CONFIDENCE IN HER AS RESULT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE.

2. SLYFIELD FELT THAT BOTH TO KEEP LOW GOC PROFILE AND BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY AND PERSONNEL STRINGENCIES, GOC PARTICIPATION AT JANUARY MEETING WOULD BE DRAWN FROM PERMANENT MISSION IN NEW YORK, PROBABLY NO HIGHER THAN COUNSELOR RANK, AND THAT IF ANY OTTAWA PARTICIPATION DECIDED ON FOR JUNE/JULY AND SEPTEMBER MEETINGS IT WOULD PROBABLY BE AT HIS LEVEL. GOC WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY CONSULT, PARTICULARLY IF US ABLE CLARIFY SWEDISH INTENTIONS, AND SLYFIELD SUGGESTED THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT BE BEST VENUE FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE PLANS INSTRUCT COUNSELOR NUTTING AT CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO MAKE APPROACH FOR THIS PURPOSE TO ACDA.
JOHNSON

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